

Open Your n8n Workspace

AI Administrator · Day 3 · Session 5 · Automation Basics with n8n

Participant sign-up sheet (done together at the start of the session)

Before you start

- A **laptop** with Chrome, Edge or Firefox. n8n is hard to use on a phone.
- An **e-mail inbox** you can open now, for the verification message.
- A **Google account** with Google Sheets and Gmail. Your sheet and the Google connection in n8n must use the **same Google account**. Two different accounts is the most common problem of the day.

Six clicks, together

1. Go to **n8n.io/pricing** and click **Start free trial** (n8n Cloud). No credit card is required.
2. Sign up with your e-mail address and a password.
3. Open the **verification e-mail** and click the link. Not there after two minutes? Check spam and the Promotions tab, then raise your hand in Zoom: the co-host will move you to the “Stuck at sign-up” room.
4. **Name your workspace**. It gets its own address, for example `yourname.app.n8n.cloud`. Write it here:

5. Answer or skip the **two onboarding questions**.
6. When you see **Your instance is ready!**, click **Start automating**. Stop on the page **Let's build your first automation** and wait for the group.

Three rules for the trial

14 days	The trial starts today. After 14 days the workspace and its workflows are deleted.
1,000 executions	Every run counts, including test runs. Plenty for the course, unless a published workflow runs every minute.
Export every day	At the end of each session: the three-dots menu next to the workflow name, then Export JSON . Keep the files. Import, From file loads them into any n8n workspace.

If something goes wrong

Problem	What to do
No verification e-mail	Spam, Promotions, wait two minutes, then try another address.
"This e-mail already used a trial"	Use another e-mail address. One trial per address.
"Sign in with Google" does nothing	Your browser blocked the pop-up. Allow pop-ups for app.n8n.cloud and click again.
Google Sheets: "403 Forbidden, the caller does not have permission"	n8n is connected to a different Google account from the one that owns your sheet, or you unticked a box on Google's consent screen. Open the credential, Switch account , choose the right account and tick every box.
Your sheet shows a green XLSX badge	It is an uploaded Excel file. In Google Sheets: File , Save as Google Sheets , then use the new copy.